

Federal Class Size Reduction Program, 2000-01

Goal:

Improve educational achievement for regular and special needs students that includes hiring fully qualified teachers and reducing the size of regular classrooms in the early grades to 20:1.

Priorities:

- Hire highly qualified teachers
- Reduce class size

Funding:

- \$139 million
- 80% based on poverty; 20% based on enrollment
- Maximum 3% for administrative costs
- Supplements California Class Size Reduction

If grades K-3 are at 20:1, and

...all teachers are fully qualified with a standard teaching credential in the appropriate subject matter, the district may:

- further reduce class size in grades K-3,
- reduce class size in other grades, **and/or**
- fund activities/professional development to improve teacher quality.

...not all teachers are fully qualified with a standard teaching credential in the appropriate subject matter, the district must:

develop and implement a plan to support teachers becoming fully certified in the shortest possible time. Remaining funds must be used to:

If not all K-3 classes are at 20:1 or if the district does not service grades K-3, the district:

- must use a minimum of 72% of the funds to reduce class size in the identified grade(s) until the goal is met, **and**
- may spend up to 25% for professional development activities.